GOVERNOR DUMMER ACADEMY

SOUTH BYFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

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The school does not publish a catalog. Most of the information contained in the usual catalog has been included in this Bulletin. In addition, we publish annually a special issue of the school newspaper, THE ARCHON, which is designed to supplement this Bulletin and to provide, through photographs and actual news articles, a complete picture of the life and activities of the Academy.

EXPENSES

Boarding Tuition: The Academy is incorporated not for profit and is administered by a Board of Trustees. The annual tuition charge for boarding boys, from the opening of school in the fall through the close of the Commencement period in June, is $1,900. It is understood that students are entered for the entire school year, and no deductions are ordinarily made for absence, withdrawal, or dismissal.

Tuition is due and payable in three installments as follows: $650 on or before the opening day of school in September; $650 on or before December 1; and $600 on or before February 1.

Day Students' Expenses: The annual tuition for day pupils is $450, payable in three equal installments on the dates specified in the above paragraph referring to boarding students. By vote of the Board of Trustees, free tuition is now granted to day students who meet the scholastic requirements and who have resided with their parents in the Town of Newbury or the Parish of Byfield for at least two years immediately preceding entrance. Day pupils are charged for luncheons in the school dining room at the rate of 75¢ per meal. They are also charged for daily transportation to and from Newburyport when this is arranged by the school.

Books: Textbooks, notebooks, and writing supplies may be purchased in the school store. Each boy is required to own a copy of *Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Fifth Edition* or the later *Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary* for use in his English course. This may be purchased at the school store or at home. Since a uniform dictionary in all English classes is desired, other editions of Webster's, or dictionaries by other publishers, are not acceptable.

Athletic Fees and Uniforms: There is an annual athletic fee of $45 payable on the opening day of school. Since every boy participates in the athletic

program either as a player or as a manager, this charge will apply to every boy. No additional charge will be made for use of athletic field or gymnasium equipment; for athletic coaching and supervision, which is provided every boy; for attendance at home games; nor for transporting players and managers to other schools for either varsity or junior games.

Further, the school will supply all athletic uniforms, except shoes, to all boys young and old.

Golf Club: The Ould Newbury Golf Club maintains a good nine-hole course on school land, which is rented to the Club by the school. The arrangement provides that members of the school who wish may enjoy the privileges of the course by paying to the Club a nominal annual fee of $10 plus federal tax.

Miscellaneous: There is no graduation or diploma fee. No charge is made for the weekly Saturday-evening moving pictures, nor for lectures, concerts, and other entertainments. No extra charge is made for laboratory courses, nor for the use of the laboratories, library, machine shop, or photographic dark room.

No charge is made for dispensary treatment in the school infirmary, except for special athletic taping and special medicines. Medicines and supplies furnished boys for use outside the infirmary will be charged at cost. A charge of $3.00 per day for special board and nursing care is made when a boy is in residence at the infirmary. Group insurance covering certain infirmary charges, as well as certain other expenses resulting from sickness or accident, may be secured through the school.

No charge is made when the school driver does necessary errands for boys in Newburyport. A charge of 50¢ is made for handling baggage, bicycles, skis, and large boxes which arrive by freight or express. Smaller items arriving by express are delivered at a charge of 25¢. When a boy is carried to and from Newburyport by school motor or hired bus (for example, to the railroad station or to church on Sunday morning), a charge is made.

Deposit Accounts: A deposit of $75 for both boarding and day students is required at the beginning of each school year. Against this deposit are charged school books and supplies, diagnostic tests supplied and scored each September by the Educational Records Bureau of New York, and any optional school expenses or personal expenses which can be handled practicably through the school office. These expenses might include a subscription to the school paper, charity subscription, school dance, team photographs, College Board examinations, transportation to and from Newburyport, optional bus trips, pressing clothes, laundry (if done locally), cartage of trunks, annual $10 fee if boy plays golf, weekly allowances, and travelling expenses. The optional school expenses which a day student would incur through the school office would probably be limited to the first four or five items listed in the previous sentence.

A boy seldom has a large enough balance remaining in his deposit account to pay for plane tickets or overnight train fare at vacation periods. The school is glad to help parents and boys in making reservations and buying tickets,

but parents should give the school *at least* three weeks' notice and at the same time should deposit sufficient money to pay for these tickets.

Personal clothing, large gifts, or other non-school expenses may not be charged against the deposit account, unless in exceptional circumstances permission is secured in advance and special deposits for these purposes have been made. Of course, the school will gladly advance money for any real emergency.

Weekly Allowance: Boys should not have large amounts of cash on hand. $2.00 or $3.00 per week is recommended for weekly allowance, as a boy does not need much pocket money at the school. On parents' request we will issue a weekly allowance to a boy and charge this to his deposit account. We recommend this plan.

Supervision of Deposit Account: The school will supervise deposit accounts as follows:

a. Partial Supervision: The school does exercise some supervision over all deposit accounts and under this plan will sometimes discourage, or even disallow, unnecessary withdrawals or charges. However, under the plan of Partial Supervision, considerable discretion is allowed a boy in incurring charges and in making cash withdrawals beyond the authorized weekly allowance.

b. Full Supervision: If a parent prefers, the school will permit no withdrawals or charges beyond the authorized weekly allowance, except for those expenses which seem to us necessary or wholly reasonable in a particular boy's case.

Parents are requested to inform the school in writing whether they prefer us to exercise Partial Supervision or Full Supervision.

Monthly Statement of Deposit Account: An itemized accounting of the deposit account is rendered to parents each month. Parents will be expected always to keep a balance of at least $35 to their son's credit. Accordingly, when the balance falls below $35, the school will request another deposit sufficient to restore the original balance of $75. In addition parents are asked to anticipate large withdrawals, such as those for travelling expenses. A credit balance at the end of the school year is refundable, but such a balance is usually carried forward to the next year.

Initial Payment: The school should receive a check on or before the opening day in September to cover the following items:

1. First installment of tuition
2. Athletic fee of $45
3. Premium for accident and health insurance (optional)
4. Deposit of $75

Checks should be made payable to *Governor Dummer Academy.*

ROOM FURNISHINGS AND CLOTHING

Room Furnishings: Each boy's room is provided with the usual large pieces of furniture, and also with rug, window curtains, desk blotter and pad, study lamp, mattress, pillow, bed spread, and all the bed linen. The school provides and launders towels for use in the gymnasium, but not in the dormitory.

The school has made an effort to provide unusually homelike and attractive boys' rooms, and it expects that each boy will take an interest in decorating his room and will exercise care in using it. We suggest a boy bring two or three good framed pictures. School and college banners are permitted, subject to approval. Room decorations should be in good taste, and should be suspended from the picture molding, since the use of thumbtacks and scotch tape on the walls is not permitted. Extra chairs and extra floor or desk lamps are not permitted.

Clothing: There is no school uniform or set costume. Odd coats and gray flannels or khaki trousers are often worn. Coats and neckties must be worn to classes and meals.

Boys are required to wear a dark, conservative suit of matching coat and trousers for Sunday-evening vespers, and they normally do wear such a suit to Sunday-morning church and dinner. Parents are asked to provide this suit and at least three plain white shirts for the same purpose.

Boys should also bring sufficient blankets, overcoats, and overshoes. Parents are asked to have their son's clothing provided at home during vacations. All clothing, shoes, overshoes, and blankets should be plainly marked with the name in full.

As stated above, the school supplies athletic uniforms, except shoes. Each boy, however, should bring with him any athletic equipment he may have, especially football shoes and gymnasium or tennis shoes.

Laundry: The school provides and launders all bed linen, but does not pay for a boy's personal landry. A few boys send their laundry home by parcel post in special laundry mailing boxes, but in order to accommodate families who do not wish this arrangement we arrange for a selected local laundry to collect and deliver once a week.

HEALTH

Medical Examinations: Parents should see that their sons have physical or medical examinations as often as necessary. The school physician will give similar examinations only when some question arises, perhaps as a result of illness or accident, or when requested by parents. Parents should inform us in writing of any physical condition, such as a heart condition or hernia, which might prevent a boy's full participation in athletics. (The official application form for admission provides a chance to give this information.)

Experience has shown that it is wise to have a boy's eyes and teeth thoroughly examined within a reasonably short time before the opening of

each school year. Boys who must wear glasses during athletics should secure shatter-proof lenses before school opens. *Parents are requested to arrange, whenever possible, to have all doctor, dentist, oculist, and other important appointments made during vacation periods.*

Physician and Nurse: The school has two experienced nurses in residence. The Anna Jaques Hospital in Newburyport, ten minutes away, is available in emergency cases. This hospital is recognized as a Grade A institution by the American College of Surgeons. The school physician, Dr. Carleton W. Bullard of Newburyport, is a graduate of Harvard College and the Medical School of Harvard University. Boston specialists are within easy call.

All boys are instructed to report any sickness or accident to the infirmary. It is our policy to call the school physician in all cases about which there is doubt in the nurse's mind. Care is taken to report to parents all illnesses and accidents which are not trivial. In some cases we make the first report by telephone or telegraph.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Vacations: Because a number of the boys have to travel long distances to reach home, the school tries to avoid one-day holidays and instead has lengthened the annual Christmas and Easter vacations. The school calendar, announced before the beginning of each school year, will include dates of the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and spring vacations.

Parents are urgently requested not to ask special permission for their sons to leave school early or to return late at vacation periods, nor to leave before the close of the Commencement Exercises. It is difficult to grant such a request, not only because boys cannot easily afford to lose school time nor the school to interrupt its program, but also because it is difficult to give special permission to one boy which is not granted to others.

Report Letters: Report letters are written to the parents regularly three or four times each year, and more frequently when it seems advisable. The first report is written after the first four or five weeks of the Fall Term and is sent only to the parents of new boys. Three regular reports are sent to all parents, one during the Christmas recess, one during the spring recess, and another after the close of school in June. These report letters are not always limited to the boy's scholastic work, but are often concerned with other phases of his school life and personal development.

Week-end Permissions: Week-end permissions are considered a privilege, which boys are usually able to earn by satisfactory conduct and satisfactory scholastic effort. These are checked carefully before each individual permission is given.

Boys may have not more than one week-end in the Fall Term, besides the Thanksgiving recess; not more than one week-end in the Winter Term, besides the special Governor Dummer holiday known as "the Winter Week-end"; and not more than two week-ends in the Spring Term.

If a boy has something he particularly wants to do at home, perhaps to attend a family wedding or anniversary, or if he must make a doctor's appointment outside a vacation period, then he is expected to use one of his week-end permissions for this purpose.

Boys usually go home on a week-end permission, but they may instead accept invitations to visit in other homes with the approval of the school. We expect that parents will assume responsibility for their own son, and also for any guests he may bring home from school for the week-end.

A week-end permission begins on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and boys must return without fail on time for the Sunday-evening vesper service at 7:20 p.m. Seniors are given slightly longer week-end permissions.

Telephone Calls: Parents are requested to limit the number of telephone calls to their sons so far as is practicable. Boys cannot be called from classes or study halls to answer the telephone, and it is usually an inconvenience to them to be called from the athletic field or the dining hall. Necessary calls can best be made in the short free periods directly following the evening meal and the evening study hall; that is, between 6:40 and 7:15 and between 9:30 and 10:00. During these two free periods it is often difficult for the school to locate boys quickly. Accordingly, we suggest that you make person-to-person calls or else tell the boys in advance when you expect to call them. Please do not call during evening study hall, 7:15 to 9:30.

A boy always has permission to telephone home during his free time, and it is better to have telephone calls originate from the school. Do not hesitate to call Mr. Eames or the masters at any time, or to request the school office to deliver messages to your son.

Miscellaneous: Boys are not permitted to have motor vehicles of any kind at or near the school. We would appreciate it, when parents are visiting the school, if they would not allow boys to drive their cars, unless an older person is with them.

Boys may have bicycles. It is better not to bring to school new or expensive bicycles, because they are sometimes loaned or left out in the weather by mistake.

Electric blankets and electric razors are permitted. No electric irons, cooking appliances, or heat lamps are permitted in the boys' rooms. Radios, victrolas, and television sets are not allowed in the boys' rooms. There are radios in almost all the masters' rooms, which are often available to boys. There is a large electric phonograph in the living room of the Phillips Building. This phonograph, together with 615 selected records, is the gift of the Carnegie Foundation.

Boys who wish to practice target shooting under the strict regulations of the Rifle Club, which include faculty supervision, may bring to school a .22 caliber rifle, or they may use instead a similar rifle provided by the Club. Except for this provision, boys are not permitted to have or use firearms at the school.

Visits to School: Parents are welcome at the school at any time. Sunday afternoon is a particularly good time for parents to visit their sons, since that is the time when boys are least likely to have engagements. Parents are also especially welcome at games, concerts, and the Sunday-evening vesper services.